



OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

City 2 Building, 218 N. Campbell

3rd Floor, Large Conference Room

Members Present: 6

Chairwoman Lois Balin, Charles Stapler, Don Baumgardt, Dr. Richard V. Teschner, Bob Geyer and Patricia E. White

Members Absent: 1

Anne Morgan Lilly

Vacancy: 2

Districts 1 and 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Alex Hoffman, Deputy Director - Planning; Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Nelson Ortiz, Lead Planner; Ryan Kirby, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Rudy Valdez, Program Manager, Capital Improvement Department (CID); Jose Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation

Members of the public:

Marilyn Guida, Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Balin called the meeting to order.

2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda)

Marilyn Guida distributed copies of a statement and commented.

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Dr. Teschner, Geyer and Baumgardt commented.

Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water, responded to comments and questions from the Board.

Karla Nieman commented.

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, commented.

3. Discussion and Action:

a. Changes to the Agenda.

None.

b. Approval of Minutes: April 12th, 2017

Chairwoman Balin asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions of the minutes. No comments from Board Members.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12TH, 2017 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

4. Information, Discussion, and Action: Quarterly report from the Planning Division, Subdivisions Section regarding land studies and plats approved in the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. Contact: Nelson Ortiz, ortiznx@elpasotexas.gov

Nelson Ortiz noted for this last quarter, months of January, February and March City Plan Commission meetings, no subdivisions were approved by the City Plan Commissioners that lie within the Mountain and Hillside Development Areas. However, the May 18th City Plan Commission agenda will show two applications that lie within the Hillside Development Area; West Towne Marketplace Replat A and Montecillo Unit Ten. He welcomed Board Members to attend the meeting. The City Plan Commission meeting will be held 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18th, City 1 Building, 300 N Campbell Street in the Council Chambers.

Chairwoman Balin and Board Member Geyer commented.

No action taken.

5. **Information, Discussion and Action:** Update on access to the KTVU Gate, 1,000 Steps trail and other trails / trailheads. Contact: Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo gave a presentation updating Board Members regarding access to the KTVU Gate, 1,000 Steps trail and other trails / trailheads and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Teschner, Baumgardt and Geyer commented.

The following city staff commented:

1. Jose Carlos Villalva

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, commented.

No action was taken.

6. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the Mountain to River Trail.
Contact: Jorge Castillo, castillojx1@elpasotexas.gov

Jorge Castillo gave a presentation updating Board Members on the Mountain to River Trail and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Teschner, Baumgardt and Geyer commented.

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, commented.

No action was taken.

7. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Resolution to prohibit the Public Service Board (PSB) from borrowing money on the Open Space Advisory Board's (OSAB) behalf.
Contact: Lois Balin, lois.balin@tpwd.texas.gov

Chairwoman Balin read the proposed resolution into the record.

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, seconded by Mr. Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETIRE INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Judy Ackerman, Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition, commented.

CLOSED SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

Chairwoman Balin read the following into the record:

*The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.*

*SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
SECTION 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
SECTION 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NEGOTIATIONS*

CS1. Information and Discussion: Update on the potential purchase of OSAB Priority Property #5. Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov
Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

CS2. Information, Discussion, and Action: Update on the Hunt Arroyo property acquisition and boundaries. Contact: Alan Shubert, ashubert@epwu.org
Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

MOTION:

Motion made by Mr. Stapler, seconded by Dr. Teschner AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECONVENE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

No action was taken for either CS1. or CS2.

Prior to adjourning, Chairwoman Balin stated prior to the June 7th OSAB meeting Board Members should consider electing new Chairwoman/man and Vice-Chairwoman/man.

From the April 12th OSAB meeting minutes, Dr. Teschner noted four Board Member's terms would expire June, 2017:

1. Ms. White
2. Charles Stapler
3. Dr. Teschner
4. Don Baumgardt

Chairwoman Balin and Board Members Teschner, White, Stapler, Baumgardt and Geyer commented.

The following city staff commented:

1. Karla Nieman
2. Harrison Plourde
3. Alex Hoffman

The next two regularly scheduled OSAB meetings will be Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 and Wednesday, July 5th, 2017

8. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Dr. Teschner, and seconded by Mr. Stapler AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.